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Corrigendum

This corrigendum contains delegation and Secretariat corrections to the English text of the summary records of the meetings held by the Committee on Natural Resources during its third special session (E/C.7/SR.120-127, 127/Corr.1 and 128).

With the issuance of this corrigendum, the records of the above-mentioned meetings are to be considered final.

120th meeting

Paragraph 9

The last two lines of the paragraph should read:

functions of systematic collection, processing, storage and dissemination in agreed formats and intervals of time.

Paragraph 18

The last line of the paragraph should read:

"International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade".

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The heading immediately above paragraph 28 should read:

A. REPORTS OF REGIONAL MEETINGS (E/C.7/90-94)

124th meeting

Paragraph 17

The first part of the sixth sentence should read:

However, if information gathering, direct operational functions and over-all analysis were discounted -

Paragraphs 35 and 36

Replace the paragraphs by the following text:

35. He wished to explain how the intersecretariat units working on behalf of the subsidiary organs of ACC were financed. Each organization participating in those units paid what amounted to "dues", which were traditionally in proportion to the total permanent and field staff of that organization. In the case of the Board, the average figure would be $15,000 for the biennium 1980-1981, which would have to be charged to the regular budget of each organization. The Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions (Financial and Budgetary Matters) of ACC examined the estimates for such interagency activities and approved them before they went to ACC itself and then to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Fifth Committee. The latter approved the United Nations contributions to those budgets to some extent on behalf of the other legislative organs of the agencies, each of which nevertheless had to ratify the contribution of its own organization. Experience had indicated that that process had not encouraged expansionist trends. For example, in 25 years the number of CCAQ Professional staff had increased from two to three. With respect to computers and information systems, there was a downward trend, since, as a result of restructuring, Professional staff had been reduced from five to four. In the field of nutrition, there were no plans to add to the two Professionals working at FAO Headquarters.

36. The question had been asked why the Board staff would be financed by all the organizations involved and not exclusively by the United Nations itself. It should be remembered that the large majority of water-related activities were carried out by the agencies, and that it therefore seemed natural that they should share in the cost of their co-ordination. It should also be borne in mind that there was a general tendency to give fuller and more serious support to activities for which one's own organization was paying; thus sharing of costs might lead to better co-ordination practices.

127th meeting

Paragraph 1, line 3

For E/C.7/L.75/Rev.2 read E/C.7/L.80

Paragraph 4, line 3

For E/C.7/L.76/Rev.1 read E/C.7/L.79